



MEDICAID UPDATE

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OPSCI

- Several reorganizations over the past 2 years
- The stand-alone Office of School-based Health Finance (OSBHF) reconfigured into a program of the Office of Public School Choice and Innovation

OPSCI

Public School Choice And Innovation

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The Office of Public School Choice and Innovation was established to:

- Provide technical assistance and share information on grant funding opportunities;
- Serve as a clearing house for innovative approaches to dramatically accelerate academic achievement;
- Provide parents, students and districts more specialized public educational choice options;
- Administer several federally funded scholarship programs; and,
- Provide technical assistance and liaison services to school districts that bill Medicaid for students with special needs.

Click on the following programs for additional information:



[Grants Program](#) identifies and communicates grant funding opportunities and provides technical assistance to staff of the SC Department of Education, school districts, school administrators and teachers on research and writing grant applications and proposals.



[Innovation](#) researches, evaluates, and pilots initiatives designed to accelerate academic achievement and improve efficiency and service of the South Carolina State Department of Education



[Public School Choice](#) reviews ways to provide more choices within South Carolina's public school system.



[Scholarships Program](#) administers federally funded scholarship programs that reward academic excellence.



[School-Based Health Finance](#) provides technical assistance and liaison services (for SDAC and SNT) to school districts and the SC Department of Education to improve the school-based health delivery system for students with special needs and maximize Medicaid reimbursement. This program also administers Medicaid Quality Assurance services (technical assistance, monitoring, training, and Listserv announcements) for LEAs that bill Medicaid for school-based health services.

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School-Based Health

School-Based Health Finance (OSBHF) strives to improve the quality and scope of medical services provided in schools through Medicaid reimbursement claiming.

- OSBHF contracts with the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (state Medicaid) to provide school district liaison services, training, and quality assurance (QA).
- Contracts with school districts to conduct random moment sampling and training for the Medicaid school district administrative claiming program under which districts receive millions of dollars each year.
- OSBHF partners with the districts to file Medicaid special needs transportation claims.
- Through the ARMS mailing list, OSBHF keeps interested district staff abreast of the latest Medicaid and school health issues.



Reimbursement and QA Information, Forms, and Resources

[Medicaid Cost Reporting](#)
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[School District Administrative Claiming \(SDAC\)](#)
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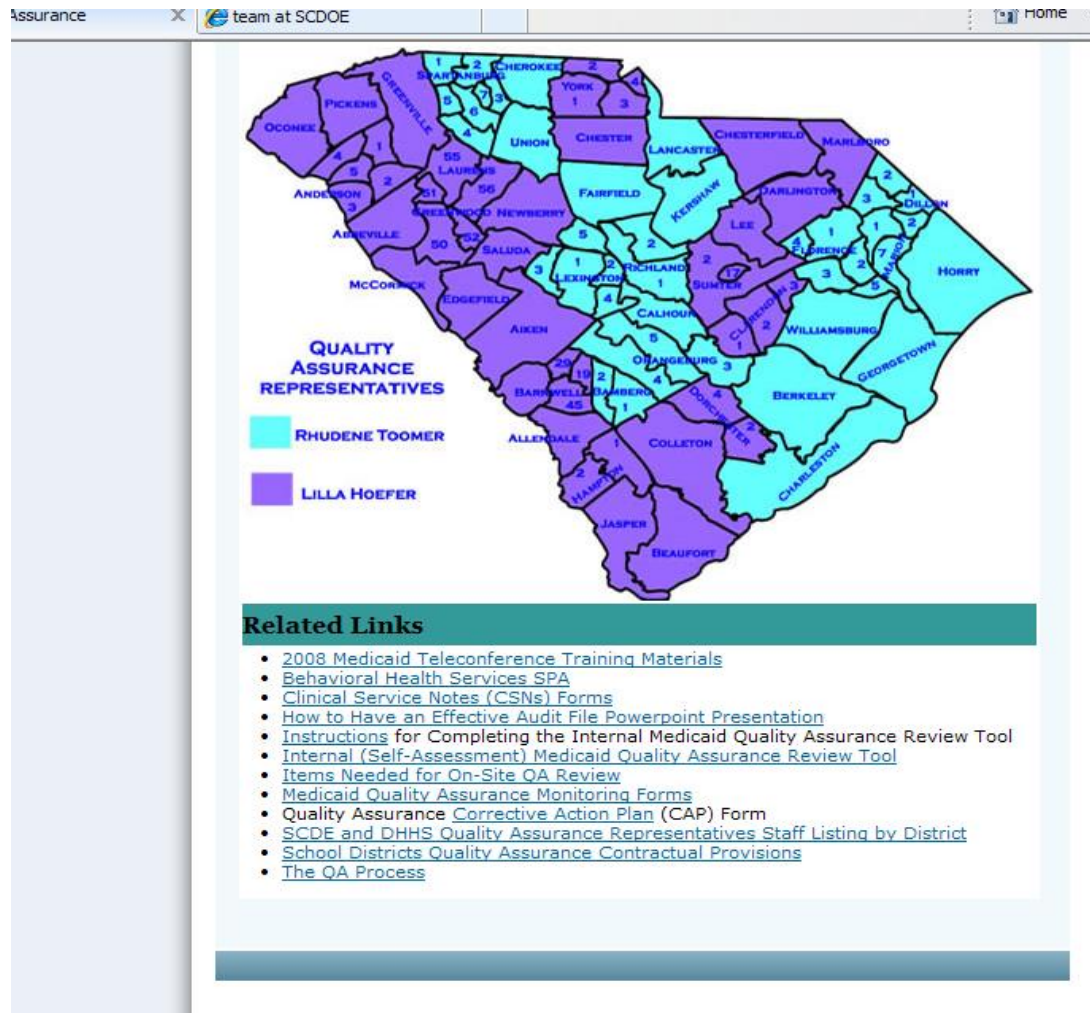
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OPSCI – Medicaid QA



<http://www.ed.sc.gov/agency/Innovation-and-Support/Public-School-Choice-and-Innovation/School-Based-Health/QualityAssurance.html>



OPSCI – Medicaid QA

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Medicaid Reimbursements

FY 2009 Reimbursements –

\$48.278 million total funds which
includes \$12.251 million as match

And

\$ 2.162 million total funds in referral
services that includes \$596,000 as
match



Medicaid Reimbursements

FY 2010 Reimbursements –

\$48.755 million total funds which
includes \$9.803 million as match

And

\$ 2.287 million total funds in referral
services that includes \$470,000 as
match



Medicaid Reimbursements



FY 2011 Reimbursements to Date

\$2.981 million total funds which
includes \$594,000 as match



And



\$ 265,000 total funds in referral services
that includes \$54,000 as match



Medicaid Reimbursements

Reimbursements by Service – FY 2010

- Speech Lang \$18.9 million
- TBS \$ 7.2 million
- Nursing \$ 6.7 million
- OT and PT \$ 6.1 million
- Sch Psychology \$ 3.2 million
- PRS \$ 3.0 million
- MAPPS \$ 2.2 million
- WRAPS \$ 1.4 million
- NET/O and M/Audio \$ 746,000



Medicaid Reimbursements

Match Rate Changes due to ARRA

- 10/09 thru 12/2010
 - Match rate – 20.42%
 - FMAP – 79.58%
- 1/1/11 thru 3/31/11
 - Match Rate – 23.42%
 - FMAP – 76.58%
- 4/1/11 thru 6/30/11
 - Match Rate – 25.42%
 - FMAP – 74.58%
- 7/1/11
 - Match Rate – 29.96%
 - FMAP – 70.04%



Medicaid Updates - LEA Manual

- Reminder Listserv each month summarizing updates
- Check Manual Change Control Record monthly
<http://www.scdhhs.gov/internet/pdf/manuals/Local%20Education/CCR.pdf>

Medicaid Updates - LEA Manual

Local Education Agency Provider Manual

Manual Updated 09.

CHANGE CONTROL RECORD

Date	Section	Page(s)	Change
09-01-10	2	12	• Added heading Individual Treatment plan and accompanying paragraphs; added Treatment Plan Review and accompanying review
		15	• Updated Program Descriptions
		17	• Updated Hearing Aids section and address
		18	• Added Tympanometry (impedance testing), Acoustic reflex testing; threshold, and Electrocochleography headings after code numbers
		20	• Updated Documentation section
		21	• Updated Physical Therapist section and Physical Therapy Evaluation heading 97001-GP
			• Updated Documentation section
		22	• Deleted Treatment Plan, Treatment Plan Review and Progress Summary Notes sections
		23	• Updated Occupational Therapist section
		24	• Added heading after 97003-GO in Occupational Therapy Evaluation
		25	• Updated Documentation section



Medicaid Updates - LEA Manual

■ Noteworthy changes

- Progress Summary Notes
- Medical Necessity
- School Psychologists no longer LPHAs
- Separate “section” for School Psychology



Medicaid Updates - LEA Manual

■ Progress Summary Notes:

Requirements for OT and PT notes now applicable to speech, audiology and O&M services

Must be done every 90 days from the start of service, must give attendance at therapy, must show progress towards goals and give recommendation concerning continued service

Quarterly summaries can be made as part of the clinical service notes, but should be clearly labeled



Medicaid Updates - LEA Manual

- LEA Manual clarification of what constitutes “Medical Necessity”

Medicaid will only pay for what is
MEDICALLY NECESSARY:

- Physician or LPHA referral prior to services being provided
- Evaluation to determine existence or extent of the disorder
- A treatment plan that **results from** the evaluation

All are ANNUAL requirements



Medicaid Updates – School Psychologists

- Certified School Psychologists can no longer serve as LPHA
- All LPHAs must have license from the SCLLR per SC Medicaid Plan
- Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist is an LPHA



Medicaid Updates – School Psychologists

What is reimbursable by Medicaid?

- 96101 (no modifier) - Psychological Testing and Evaluation (**LEA MANUAL**)
- Can be billed by School Psychologists I, II, III for all testing and evaluations related to potential disorders **EXCEPT** for emotional and behavioral disorders.
- Medical necessity must be documented for such evaluations
- Only school psychologists I must be supervised by either a School Psy II, III, or LPES



Medicaid Updates – School Psychologists

What is reimbursable by Medicaid?

- 96101 (AH) Psychological Testing and Evaluation (**RBHS MANUAL, PARTIALLY**)
- Billed by Clinical Psychologists and LPES (not certified school psychologists I, II, or III) for all testing and evaluations related to emotional and behavioral disorders
- Note that the RBHS manual does not include the LPES but it is DHHS' intent to include the LPES in an updated version of the LEA Manual that will integrate or combine RBHS requirements into the LEA manual
- RBHS supervision requirements differ from LEA Manual requirements. Unlicensed or uncertified staff providing RBHS must be supervised by a master's level clinical professional or licensed practitioner of the healing arts (LPHA)



Medicaid Updates – School Psychologists

What is reimbursable by Medicaid?

- For RBHS services, School Psychologists are considered as mental health professionals and therefore can bill Medicaid for certain RBHS services such as behavioral health screenings, service plan development and various therapies, including individual, group or family therapy

Medicaid Updates – School Psychologists

Checklist

Establishing Medical Necessity for School Psychologist Testing and Evaluation

In order for the School Psychologist to bill Medicaid for testing and evaluation, the child's condition must meet Medicaid medical necessity criteria and cannot relate to a behavioral or emotional disability. Medically necessary means that the service is directed toward the maintenance, improvement, or protection of health or toward the diagnosis and treatment of an illness or disability.

Does the child's condition meet Medicaid Medical Necessity criteria?

☐ Yes ☐ No

In order to answer Yes to the above question, you MUST answer "Yes" to the following 3 questions:

1. Are we providing medically necessary services?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(Refer to the IEP's Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance and the Annual Goals)

2. Are these services appropriate i.e., is there justification for the services?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(Refer to any evaluation reports such as psycho educational or speech reports. They must confirm the existence or extent of the illness/disability and all findings and information supporting such is included in the Existing or Additional Data sections of the Evaluation Plan/Report)

3. Was there medical justification for conducting the evaluation for the intervention/service?

☐ Yes ☐ No

(Look at the referral for evaluation. It must be separate documentation signed by a LPHA)



Other Provider Updates

- Only Speech providers who are licensed SLPs by SCLLR can refer for services. Even if you have a certificate from ASHA, you must also be a licensed Speech Language Pathologist to refer.

Other Provider Updates

- Referrals should be made by someone who is not the provider or the supervisor for the service
- Otherwise, it's a self-referral



Other Medicaid Changes

- \$200 million projected deficit at DHHS – Medicaid Sustainability Project
- Increased Program Integrity activities – FY09 \$22 m; FY10 \$41 m
- Expansion of Medicaid to include HCK
- New RBHS program



RBHS – Why Seek Medicaid Reimbursement?

- Reduce discipline referrals
- Minimize number of suspensions and expulsions
- Improve graduation rates and lower dropout rates
- Increase academic achievement
- Improve school/district ratings - AYP



RBHS – Why Seek Medicaid Reimbursement?

- Assist educators and administrators in meeting the needs of at-risk student population
- Leverage and maximize use of limited public funds to reach educational goals



RBHS

- Effective July 1, 2010 Medicaid began offering a new array of **behavioral** health services (referred to collectively as RBHS)
- In school settings, these **eleven** new services can be provided to children with and **without** IEPs
- Effective October 1, 2010 Medicaid will **expand** its program to make even more children eligible for Medicaid – approximately 15,000 new children immediately



RBHS Services

■ **Assessment Services:**

1. Behavioral Health Screenings (BHS)
2. Diagnostic Assessments (DA)
3. Service Plan Development (SPD)

■ **Treatment Services:**

4. Individual Therapy (IT)
5. Group Therapy (GT)
6. Family Therapy (FT)
7. Crisis Management (CM)
8. Medication Management (MM)



RBHS Services

- **Community Supports:**
 - 9. Rehabilitative Psychosocial Services (RPS)
 - 10. Behavior Modification (BM)
 - 11. Family Support (FS)



RBHS Medicaid Requirements

- Student must be Medicaid eligible
- Student must have a confirmed psychiatric diagnosis
(Examples include Bipolar, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Mild Depression, Conduct Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, Hyperactivity)
- A Physician or Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) must confirm that the service is “medically necessary” (i.e. there is need for treatment)

(Includes Licensed Psychologists, Licensed Master Social Worker, Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist)³⁰



RBHS Medicaid Requirements

- Staff providing services must meet certain qualifications:
 - Licensure
 - Certification
 - Training
 - Experience



RBHS - Implications for Schools

- Students attending **Alternative Schools** can receive **therapeutic interventions** that **improve** behavior or emotional conditions OR improve their ability to **function independently**
- With appropriate interventions, we increase the chance for academic success and ultimately graduation



RBHS - Implications for Schools

- Medicaid is willing to cover 70% of the cost for providing these services
- Staff currently providing therapeutic interventions can now bill Medicaid for time spent rendering such interventions



RBHS - Implications for Schools

- School staff that can bill RBHS include:
 - Masters Level Clinical Staff (persons with counseling or social work experience)
 - Certain Bachelors Level Staff (can render some services)
 - Medical Staff (depending on training and degree such as Registered Nurses)
 - Mental Health Staff/Professionals (includes Certified School Psychologists and Guidance Counselors)
 - Paraprofessional Staff (no specific medical/counseling experience such as teachers)



RBHS

As of last month, nine Districts have been approved to bill RBHS:

- Anderson 2
- Anderson 5
- Berkeley
- Greenville
- Horry
- Marion
- Pickens
- Spartanburg 6
- Williamsburg

Two other districts are nearing completion of the enrollment process
– *Spartanburg 7 and Florence 5*



RBHS

- Clinical Notes and Billing Software
 - Horry County School District
 - Spartanburg 7 School District
- SCDE has developed RBHS documentation forms. Awaiting DHHS approval



Upcoming Workshops

■ **January 26, 2011**

- **ETV Taping**

- **Morning Session – Outreach Strategies**

- **Afternoon Session - RBHS**



Quality Assurance

- Incomplete SDAC Surveys reduce level of reimbursement
- SDAC Reimbursements FY 2009 - \$2.8 million
- SDAC Reimbursements FY 2010 - \$3.8 million

Quality Assurance

- Lack of an annual evaluation/re-evaluation was the most serious discrepancy noted in QA reviews for 2008-09 files



Quality Assurance

- DHHS will conduct joint QA visits with SCDE in September 2010
- SCDE will conduct on-site file reviews (prior school year)
- DHHS will scan files (Jan 2010 thru Sept 2010) and take back to DHHS for review



Quality Assurance

- As part of its review, DHHS is targeting documentation that reflects evaluations that don't result in IEPs
- If billed, LEAs need to ensure the service is documented . . . a clinical note

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Medicaid Update

- Questions???